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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLN. :

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FOR: NONVOLATILE

SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY

DEVICE AND ITS

MANUFACTURING METHOD

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.